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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence ✓  
Deputy Director for Plans  
Deputy Director for Support  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Commendation

1. This is to convey a simple "thank you" to members of the Agency involved in the Middle East crisis these past days. The performance of all hands has been superior. In fact, it is the finest, across-the-board execution of our mission at every level that I have seen in my twenty years with the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. It is not possible for me to reach out a hand to every person who has contributed, but I would like to suggest that each of you convey the appreciation of us all for these achievements and for this uncommon display of duty, competence, and high morale.

4. Be it noted: I do not limit this commendation to the present crisis. We have a daily, world-wide job to do. This Agency in its varied operations and activities is dependent on a self-reliant, self-disciplined officer of intelligence, dedication, and courage. In mankind this is a rare breed. It is fortunate that we have so many.

Richard Helms  
Director

cc: Deputy Director  
Executive Director

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